



CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
MAYOR

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Congressman Mark Kirk
102 Wilmot Road, Suite 200
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Dear Congressman Kirk:

On behalf of all the citizens of North Chicago, but most especially on behalf of the school children of North Chicago, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your diligent efforts in securing high impact aid for the North Chicago School District No. 187 for a minimum of the next five years.

Obviously, all of us were overjoyed when we heard your remarks at the Lake Bluff Middle School meeting on November 7, 2005 that you had secured high impact aid for the North Chicago school system for the next five years. While I have only been mayor for a short time, it certainly is rewarding to see what can be accomplished when various units of government work together for a common goal. I appreciate all the time that you and your staff have devoted to this extremely critical issue to the North Chicago school system and I think we are all pleased with the results that have been achieved.

I, and my staff and City Council, look forward to continuing to work with your office to revitalize the economic base in North Chicago through the development of Sheridan Crossing. When this 40 acre site is fully developed I believe that we will even more deeply advance the spirit of cooperation between those at the Great Lakes Naval Base and the citizens of North Chicago.

The basis of the cooperation which your office has shown on the school issue will also carry over as we deal with the issues of the privatization of the housing at Great Lakes. You certainly have demonstrated that with a strong team effort. There is no problem too big to be overcome.

Very truly yours,

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor